

Hello,

Below are my comments concerning the CPES. We must not allow biomass and garbage incinerator plants to be a part of the Renewable Portfolio Standard, because through combustion, they inevitably add CO2 to the atmosphere and hence contribute to the climate crisis! This climate impact is typically not disclosed. We must reduce greenhouse gas emissions from combustion as required by the Global Warming Solutions Act, and international agreements.

- 1) The regulations must explicitly state that combustion-based technologies shall not be considered Clean Peak Resources – clean must be clean!
- 2) The draft regulations are incomplete because they refer to numerous Guidelines that DOER has not published, including a Guideline on Clean Peak Resource Eligibility.
- 3) DOER must post the draft Guidelines and extend the public comment period by at least 60 days for the public to review and comment on them.

Building biomass burning plants means cutting more forests. Forests sequester carbon. Trees are not renewable energy sources in that new young trees will never replace the carbon sequestration lost from logging older, mature trees, within the 11 years we have left (read the IPCC report) to greatly reduce carbon in the atmosphere, to avoid irreversible, uncontrollable climate change.

We must not leave an increasingly unlivable planet to our children and grandchildren.

We must act responsibly NOW -- remember Greta Thunberg's warnings.

We are in an EMERGENCY SITUATION. Please act accordingly, for the people, rather than the forestry industry's interests, as current climate science has not yet been integrated into forestry management practices or renewable energy classifications.

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